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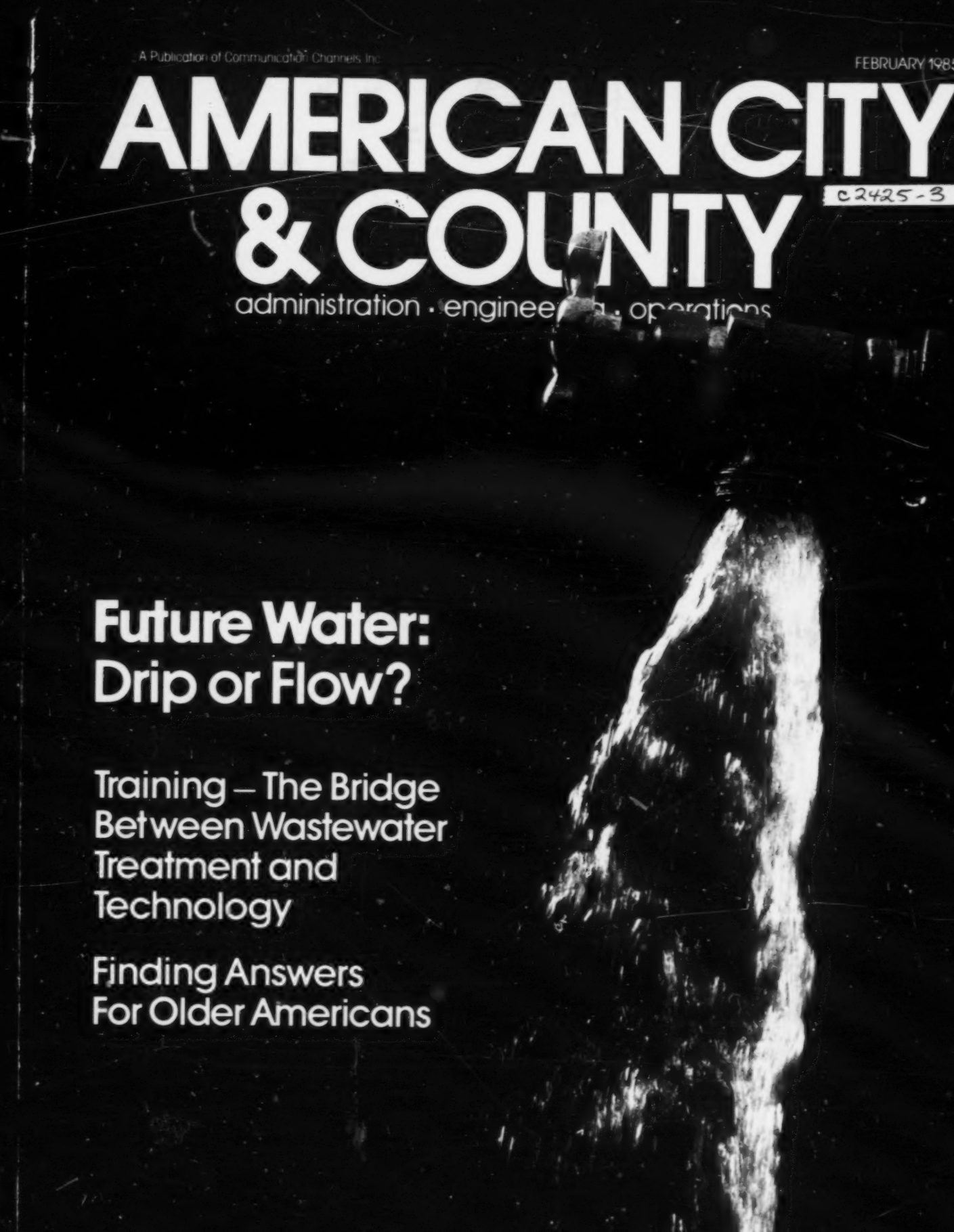

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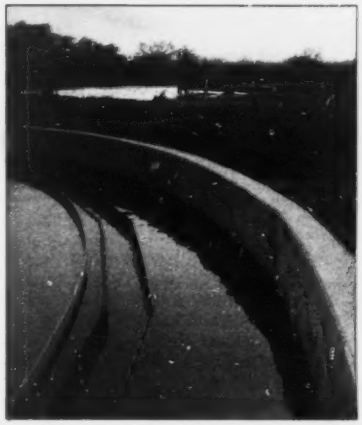

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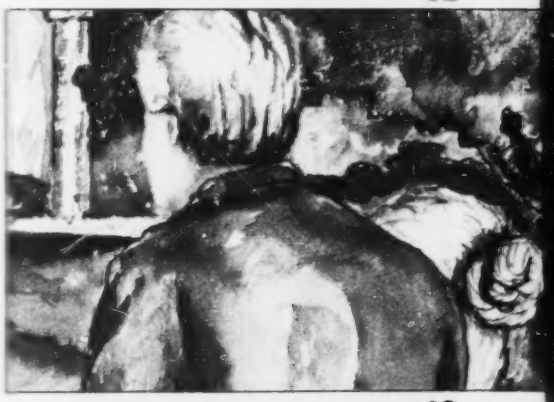

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MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

As a result of a 0.2 percent decrease in the **ACC Construction Cost Index**, no change in the **Consumer Price Index**, and a 0.3 percent increase in the **Producer Price Index**, the **Municipal Cost Index** remained steady at 333.3 for the month. The rise in the Producer Price Index marked that index's first gain in four months.

The increase in the Producer Price Index commodities was lead by diesel fuel, electric lamps, fuel oil no. 2, Portland cement, residual fuel, and soaps and detergents. Among the commodities' leading decliners were floor coverings, gypsum products, lumber and plywood. □

Compiled by Jeff Atkinson

THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

	Current Index	Percent Change From: Last Month	Last Year
Air Conditioners	144.4	−0.1	1.2
Apparel	201.6	0.5	1.1
Asphalt Roofing	410.6	0.1	5.9
Books	129.6	−0.2	4.4
Chemicals, Industrial	334.7	−0.5	−3.3
Coal	546.4	0.5	0.8
Concrete Products	311.4	0.0	2.4
Construction Machinery	360.1	0.3	1.8
Diesel Fuel	677.5	1.9	−4.3
Electric Components	196.7	0.5	5.1
Electric Lamps	340.7	1.4	4.1
Electric Power	443.4	−0.5	5.9
Engines, I.C.	347.7	0.2	3.3
Fans, Blowers	351.5	0.0	4.5
Fertilizers, Mixed	263.6	−0.2	1.1
Floor Coverings	189.2	−1.8	− 0.1
Flow Instruments	100.4	0.1	N/A
Footwear	249.1	−1.2	− 0.9
Foundry Products	362.5	−0.2	2.7
Fuel Oil No. 2	714.2	1.6	−3.3
Furniture, Commercial	301.0	1.0	3.8
Gasoline	564.1	0.6	−5.8
Generator Sets	341.7	−0.4	1.7
Glass	217.4	−0.3	−5.5
Glass Containers	364.9	0.0	4.1
Gypsum Products	332.3	−2.1	5.5
Hardware	299.1	0.0	2.0
Heating Equipment	256.3	−0.7	4.4
HVAC Controls	124.2	−1.0	2.0
LP Gas	615.3	−1.2	−12.7
Lubricants	369.9	0.1	1.1
Lumber	342.6	−2.3	N/A
Metal Fabrications	313.0	−0.3	2.5
Millwork	309.8	1.9	0.6
Motor Vehicle Parts	354.7	0.1	0.8
Mowers	259.5	−0.3	1.8
Natural Gas	1424.8	−0.3	2.4
Office Machines	154.0	0.0	−0.3
Paint	277.0	−0.4	4.7
Paper	308.2	0.1	6.8
Passenger Cars	223.0	0.2	0.5
Plumbing Fixtures	301.4	0.3	2.5
Plywood	235.0	−2.1	−3.9
Portland Cement	359.0	1.4	5.4
Pumps	354.3	1.1	2.5
Residual Fuel	1131.7	1.7	0.6
Sand, Gravel	297.3	−0.2	4.4
Sanitary Papers	372.4	1.0	3.5
Soaps, Detergents	269.4	1.4	0.9
Sporting Goods	206.4	0.0	0.3
Steel Mill Products	368.1	−0.2	2.4
Struc. Clay Products	288.9	0.0	1.7
Switchgear	274.9	0.1	0.6
Tires, Tubes	243.9	−0.8	0.6
Transformers	228.9	0.4	3.2
Trucks	331.1	0.0	4.2
Valves	102.8	0.0	2.8
Wire, Cable	201.4	0.2	−0.1
Wiring Devices	360.5	0.9	6.3

At-A-Glance Changes

MUNICIPAL COST INDEX

Last Year 327.2 — Last Month 333.4 — This Month 333.3

Percent Change From Last: Month **0.0** Year **1.9**

CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX

Last Year 361.5 — Last Month 364.6 — This Month 363.7

Percent Change From Last: Month **−0.2** Year **0.6**

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BLS)

Last Year 302.6 — Last Month 315.3 — This Month 315.3

Percent Change From Last: Month **0.0** Year **4.2**

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (BLS)

Last Year 306.3 — Last Month 309.4 — This Month 310.4

Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **1.3**

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From: Last Qtr.	Last Year
Receipts	520.1B	2.1	9.8
Federal Grants	93.2B	2.9	8.0
Durable Purchases	15.1B	2.7	8.6
Consumables	34.1B	0.3	10.7
Services	345.2B	2.2	7.9
Structures	41.3B	5.6	4.6
Salaries, Wages	252.3B	2.1	7.9
Surplus	53.9B	0.0	22.8
Employment	13.123M	0.0	0.2